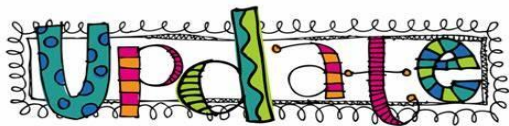


Dear Parents/Carers



After a great deal of Christmas excitement the term finally draws to a close. I hope you have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year! Please note the last day of term is today, Thursday 19th December. The school will be closed tomorrow.

Term 3 starts for children on **MONDAY 6th January 2020.**



Y1 Owl Class Staff News

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Taylor will be leaving us at the end of term. Mrs Taylor has been a wonderful teacher and we are sad to say good-bye. She is going to spend more time with her young family. Hopefully we will still see Mrs Taylor from time to time working for us on supply. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing Mrs Taylor all the best for the future.

Coincidentally, we are very lucky to have Mrs Hunt, an experienced Y1 teacher, returning from maternity leave at the end of this term and she will be working 3 days a week in Owl Class with Mrs Perry. From January Mrs Perry will work Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Hunt will work Wednesday to Friday. As Mrs Taylor and Mrs Hunt are planning the handover before Christmas I am sure this will run smoothly. However, if you have any concerns about your child, please see Mrs Head or myself.



Christmas Concert: December 18th at St Cuthbert's Church:

Once again we were treated to an amazing concert led by Mrs May. The children practised very hard and the standard of musicianship was impressive. Thank you to all the staff who work tirelessly to put on these performances. Congratulations everyone on a fantastic concert!



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



16th Dec Christmas hamper raffle draw

17th Dec Christmas parties

18th Dec Y4-Y6 musicians Christmas Concert at St Cuthbert's Church, 7pm

Last day of term THURSDAY 19th December (Friday 20th school closed for INSET)



Adverse Weather and possible School Closure. In exceptional circumstances e.g. heavy snow or failure of heating systems we may

need to close the school. **However, this is always the last resort so parent/ carers should always assume we will be OPEN unless we tell you otherwise.**

Ways we may be able to inform you of closure are through Parentmail, local radio, Bristol City Council website listing school closures, the school's own website (see address below). Any systems can be clogged up by a large amount of usage so please bear with us and remember we are trying to do our best. You can also try phoning the school if you are uncertain or coming from a long way away. In the event of partial closure, we allow 30 children to attend for every teacher present. Thank you.



The final conducted tour on the infant site will be on 7th January 2019 at 9am for prospective parents to look around if they are looking for school places and were unable to attend Open Day.

We look forward to welcoming you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Holidays in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR A HOLIDAY WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS).

Fines start at £60 per child, per responsible adult. For example if you have 2 children in school and there are mum and dad sharing responsibility for the children then you will be fined £240. Fines rise if they are not paid on time.

PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT. YOU CAN STILL BE FINED IF YOU DON'T FILL OUT A FORM.



Governors' Corner. The Health and Safety governors met last week to do a walkabout on the infant site. They checked the Premises Log Book to see that all the safety checks that need doing are done such as Legionella water checks. Thank you.



Class Assemblies- Junior Site

Tuesday 4th February 2.50pm

Tawny Owl – Middle Hall

Tuesday 4th February 2.50pm

Salamander – Upper Hall

Please note class assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers as we want the children performing to be heard. We do run a crèche with school staff. Thanks



We hope you enjoyed the Festival of Angels held at St Cuthbert's Church on Sandy Park Road. Well done Y4 on your beautiful angels.



Parking Reminder!

Please don't park on the zig-zags outside either site. They are there to try and keep children safe.

Some parents are endangering lives by parking on the zig-zags. Please find a safe place to park away from the busy entrances. Thank you.



Friends' Events:

Thank you to all the Friends who have done a fantastic job of organising Christmas Events this year.

The Christmas Fayre raised £1,092.93, the Hamper Raffle raised £469.80, the KS2 Children's Shopping Day raised £992.22 and the Christmas cards, tags, thank you cards and mug orders raised a whopping £1,025.75 for the school, which is fantastic. Thank you so much.

The infants loved seeing Father Christmas and having the Naughty Elf entertainer at the parties. It was sooooo exciting!

Next Friends' Meeting is 20.1.20 after drop off on the infant site.



East Bristol Children's Centre

are running a free all age family event with food on Friday 3rd January between 11am -1pm at both **Speedwell** and **Broomhill** Children's Centre (address below), for those families that are in need

of a little extra help at Christmas time.

They will be making soup and cheese twists, creating and telling stories, crafts and games.

There's no need to book on, unless families have allergies (then they just need to get in touch to ensure we have food for them).

Speedwell Children's Centre, Speedwell Road, BS5 7SY
Broomhill Children's Centre, Fermaine Avenue, BS4 4UY

Come along and join in the festive fun.



Netball Report.

On Thursday 5th December, Holymead Netball Team played a netball match against Broomhill Primary.

Wow! What a match. Both teams played tremendously well. We won 3-0. Amy and

Isla were great at shooting and Adrianna was amazing at intercepting the ball. We would not have won without our fantastic coaches Mrs Kelly and Mrs Perry. All the girls played really well and we are excited for more upcoming matches. Well done to Broomhill who played amazingly. We all shook hands at the end of the match and congratulated each other.

Match report by Bo and Ruby.



Junior Choir: Please note that there will be no KS2 Choir practise after school on a Wednesday during term 3.

Choir practise will recommence in term 4. Mrs May will advise the children accordingly. Many thanks.



Please note the school tries to pass on information it considers may be helpful or of interest to parents in this newsletter. We do not necessarily endorse or check the security and safety of the services on offer. Parents need to satisfy themselves that they are happy to leave their children at any of the clubs and services advertised which are not based on the Holymead School sites. Holymead School carries out DBS checks on clubs who have hire agreements with this school.



School Prospectus

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Please note the school prospectus which is available on our website states: 'Make-up should not be worn and hairstyles should be sensible and appropriate for school e.g. not unnatural colours or shocking styles'. Jewellery should not be worn in school (except small pierced ear rings).

There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher. Thank you.



The children have enjoyed some lovely Christmas entertainment this year. We are still hoping some more parents will pay towards the cost of the in-house production as currently we have not covered costs. £3 donations can still be paid on line for a few more days. Thank you.

All the costs for Snow White have been received with thanks. I'm delighted to be able to report that staff enjoyed both the shows because the behaviour of the children was impeccable. Well done everyone.



Christmas Carol Service 6th December

What a lovely time we all had at the Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church. All the children played their parts so well. Thank you to everyone who helped with walking back and forth and to everyone who helped with organisation and music.



Year 6 Red Ridge Camp 2020.

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp in March 2020 that the next instalment of £100 must be paid

by the end of this term (today). We are due to pay our next interim payment to the Centre and can only do this once all these payments have been received. Many Thanks.



Hays Christmas Card Competition.

Congratulations to Annabel in Y6. Not only did she win the regional Hays Christmas Card Competition but she also won their **national** competition.

Thank you to everyone who voted. The school received £250 in vouchers to spend on art equipment. Here's Annabel receiving her Art Set and framed picture of her card which will be used by the Hays Company around the country.



School Uniform.

Polo Shirts: These can either be plain white or dark purple in colour.

Shoes: Children need to have black school shoes for school. No trainers.
Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE BLACK JEANS, LEGGINGS AND HOODED PURPLE TOPS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SHOULD NOT BE WORN IN SCHOOL.

PE kit: is a purple tee-shirt and black shorts in a purple dap bag. Black or white tee shirts and shorts are an acceptable alternative but no club football kits etc. ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Back Packs are not allowed on the infant site as space is very limited.

Pencil Cases: just a reminder that pupils are NOT allowed to bring pencils and pencil cases to school. The only exception to this is in Y6 where pupils are getting ready for using their own pencil cases and equipment in secondary school.

NO TOYS OR GAMES ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.



Term Dates 2019- 2020

Term 1

(INSET 2nd, 3rd Sept.)

Wed 4th Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 5th Sept- New intake Reception start.

Fri 25th October- last day of Term 1.

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov- Thurs 19th Dec 2019 (INSET 20th Dec)

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 – Thursday 13th Feb 2020 (INSET 14th Feb)

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb- Fri 3rd April 2020

Term 5

Mon 20th April- Fri 22nd May 2020

Term 6

Mon 1st June- Friday 17th July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20)



Christmas Plays and Concerts. Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas plays and concerts. We hope you enjoyed the performances as much

as we enjoyed doing them for you!

Thank you also for all the donations given during all the performances. We have raised £334.97 from the KS1 Christmas performance and this will be donated to the Bristol Lord Mayor's Christmas Appeal. The collections from our Year 4 Christmas Performance and the Christmas Concert last night, will be counted in due course and will be sent to The Bristol Soup Run. I know they will appreciate your generosity.
Many Thanks.

School Accounts. Please can we ask that parents/carers take the time over the Christmas break to ensure that both school dinner money accounts and Libacura accounts (for breakfast club and afterschool club), are all up to date and in credit, in preparation for the new school term next year.

Year 6 Red Ridge payments for those children that will be attending camp next year; please note that £180 IN TOTAL, must be paid by the end of these term.

Many thanks.

Come and see an ex-pupil in this ballet production at Weston-Super- Mare

An enchanting tale of a doll that comes to life- a delightful production to charm audiences of all ages.

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Bristol Russian Ballet School and Youth Ballet presents

2nd February 2020 . 4pm | THE PLAYHOUSE | Weston Super Mare The Playhouse

Ticket price : Adult £18.50 / Child £15.50 (including booking fee)
Discount available for the Friend of the Playhouse. Family tickets also available.
BOX Office : 01934 645544 / www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/Playhouse-Theatre
Bristol Russian Ballet School : www.bristolrussianballetschool.com

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AND HOW TO DRAW THEM



Love Harry Potter, magical creatures and monsters? Then you will love this course where we will create our own Fantastic Beasts!



£38

Includes all resources and refreshments

Sibling Discount Available

5 week course starts 2nd week back

Tues 14th Jan 3:20-4:30

Open to year 1-6

Unfortunately, we are unable to collect from infants

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emma@gosketch.co.uk 07717 313 651

After School Drama Club

Creative drama sessions to build imagination, confidence and performance skills. In the new year, we will:

- Work with the theme **Mixed Up Fairytales** to learn devising and storytelling
- Play drama games to think on our feet
- Act, dance and sing
- Make a start on our end of year show **Red Robin Hood**
- Have lots of fun!



Let's play!

£36 for 6 weeks, Tuesdays 3.20 - 4.30pm

Running 7 Jan to 11 Feb at Holymead Junior Site

To book: complete online form linked in parentmail message or contact Silva: silva_semerciyan@hotmail.com 07790426867

Spanish Club

¡Hola!

Years 3-6

Thursdays 3.20-4.20pm
Holymead Junior site



Have fun and learn at Spanish Club

Run by an experienced language teacher and local mum, the sessions will be full of activities, songs and games that will build your child's vocabulary, boost their confidence and promote their enjoyment of speaking and understanding a foreign language.



Practise speaking Spanish in a fun environment!

**Classes will run every Thursday
from 9th January - 13th February.**

The cost for the 6-week term is £30.

Book with confidence: should your child decide the club is not for them just let me know after the 1st session for a full refund!

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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